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Inventor(s): MOK ET AL

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Title: PROCESS FOR REMOVING ALUMINUM SPECIES FROM
ALKALI METAL HALIDE BRINE SOLUTIONS

Group Art Unit 1724

Examiner: Cintins

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Date: March 14, 2000

Asst. Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. "Small Entity" statement(s) filed ☐

- ☐ previously
☐ herewith

(No.)

	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code
2. Total Effective Claims	10	**minus 20	0	x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$0	103/203
3. Independent Claims	1	***minus 3	0	x \$78/\$39 =	+ \$0	102/202
4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application) add				+ \$260/\$130 =	+ \$0	104/204
5. Original due Date: March 14, 2000	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE					
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached	(1 mo)	\$110/\$55 =		+ \$0		115/215
	(2 mos)	\$380/\$190 =				116/216
	(3 mos)	\$870/\$435 =				117/217
	(Usable only for ≤ 2mo.OA --- 4 mos)	\$1360/\$680 =				118/218
	(Usable only for 30 day/1mo.OA --- 5 mos)	\$1850/\$925 =				128/228
7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract				- \$0		
8.	Extension Fee Attached				+ \$0	
9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee				+ \$110/\$55 =	+ \$0	148/248
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee, add				+ \$240 =	+ \$0	126
or if Rule 97(d) Petition add				+ \$130 =		122
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)				+ \$690/345 =	+ \$0	146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)				x \$690/345 ea =	+ \$0	149/249
13. Petition fee for					+ \$0	
14.	TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =				\$0	

15. *If the entry in this space is less than entry in next space, the "Present Extra" result is "0".

16. **If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

17. ***If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 14, 1999, please amend the
above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1, line 7, change "10" to - 5 --.

Amend claim 7 as follows:

7. (Amended) A method as defined in claim 1 further comprising
determining the concentration of aluminum species in said feedstock and [adjusting
the amount of] adding magnesium salt [added] to provide said Mg to Al ratio within
said Mg concentration of 0.5 to 5 ppm.